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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for full fiscal year 2024 funding for the Soo Lock Project, in Sault Ste Marie, Michigan. The entity to receive funding for this project is the United States Army Corps of Engineers. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the new lock at the Soo Locks complex will provide redundancy and security for American industry, our supply chain, and our Nation's economy. Under-funding the full capability of the USACE will force delays in construction that will further increase the total project cost and push back the already delayed timeline for completion.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in the Water Resources Development Act of 2022, in H.R. 7776, Section 2, subsection a, Division H, subsection 6, number 5 which was signed into law on December 23, 2022.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John James", written over a horizontal line.

John James
Member of Congress